

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An ink set comprising inks each obtained by containing ~~at least one~~ dye in an aqueous medium, wherein the ink set comprises a black ink containing a dye represented by formula (1) below, and said constituent inks all in the ink set are an ink containing at least one kind of dye having an oxidation potential more positive than 1.0 V (vs SCE);



wherein A, B and C each independently represents an aromatic group which may be substituted or a heterocyclic group which may be substituted, and A and C each is a monovalent group and B is a divalent group, provided that at least one of A, B and C is a heterocyclic group which may be substituted.

2. (original): The ink set as claimed in claim 1, wherein said ink is an ink obtained by dissolving or dispersing at least one dye in an aqueous medium.

3. (original): The ink set as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ratio k_1/k_2 of the accelerated fading rate constant (k_1) of an image drawn by using said constituent ink alone to the accelerated fading rate constant (k_2) of a mixed color image drawn by using all constituent inks constituting

said ink set in equivalent amounts with the same density measurement light as in the measurement of said k1 is 0.7 to 1.3 in all constituent inks constituting the ink set.

4. (currently amended): The ink set as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one kind of dye having an oxidation potential more positive than 1.0 V (vs SCE) is a dye having ~~at least~~ one heterocyclic group.

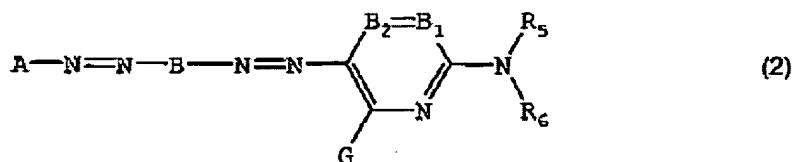
5. (currently amended): The ink set as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one kind of dye having an oxidation potential more positive than 1.0 V (vs SCE) is a dye having ~~at least~~ one bond selected from the group consisting of -SO- or -SO₂-.

6. (currently amended): The ink set as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one kind of dye having an oxidation potential more positive than 1.0 V (vs SCE) is an azo dye or a phthalocyanine dye.

7. (currently amended): The ink set as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the ink set is used for an inkjet.

8. (currently amended): An inkjet recording method, comprising hitting an ink in the ink set as claimed in claim 1 on a recording material~~recording an image by using the ink set claimed in claim 7.~~

9. (new) The ink set as claimed in claim 1, wherein the dye represented by formula (1) is a dye represented by formula (2):



wherein A and B have the same meanings as in formula (1),

B₁ and B₂ each represents =CR₁- or -CR₂= or either one of B₁ and B₂ represents a nitrogen atom and the other represents =CR₁- or -CR₂=,

G, R₁ and R₂ each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a heterocyclic group, a cyano group, a carboxyl group, a carbamoyl group, an alkoxycarbonyl group, an aryloxy carbonyl group, a heterocyclic oxycarbonyl group, an acyl group, a hydroxy group, an alkoxy group, an aryloxy group, a heterocyclic oxy group, a silyloxy group, an acyloxy group, a carbamoyloxy group, an alkoxycarbonyloxy group, an aryloxy carbonyloxy group, an amino group (including an alkylamino group, an arylamino group and a heterocyclic amino group), an acylamino group, a ureido group, a sulfamoylamino group, an alkoxycarbonylamino group, an aryloxy carbonylamino group, an alkylsulfonylamino group, an arylsulfonylamino group, a heterocyclic sulfonylamino group, a nitro group, an alkylthio group, an arylthio group, a heterocyclic thio group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an arylsulfonyl group, a heterocyclic sulfonyl group, an alkylsulfinyl group, an arylsulfinyl group, a heterocyclic sulfinyl group, a sulfamoyl group or a sulfo group, and each group may be further substituted,

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R_5 and R_6 each independently represents a hydrogen atom, an aliphatic group, an aromatic group, a heterocyclic group, an acyl group, an alkoxycarbonyl group, an aryloxy carbonyl group, a carbamoyl group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an arylsulfonyl group or a sulfamoyl group, and each group may further have a substituent, provided that R_5 and R_6 are not a hydrogen atom at the same time, and

R_1 and R_5 , or R_5 and R_6 may combine to form a 5- or 6-membered ring.

10. (new): The ink set as claimed in claim 1, which at least comprises cyan ink, magenta ink, yellow ink and black ink.